

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2007. In the Office Action of August 17, 2007, Examiner rejected Claims 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 4,781,314 to Schoonover et al. (issued Nov. 1, 1988). Examiner also rejected Claims 1, 4, 28, 31 and 33-36 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,237,792 to Skolnicki et al. (issued May 29, 2001). Examiner has maintained the allowance of Claims 13-24, 26, 27 and 32. Examiner also objected to claims 3, 5-12, 25, 29 and 30 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant appreciates the maintenance of the allowance of Claims 13-24, 26, 27 and 32.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of previously submitted claim 3 and claim 3 has been canceled. As the Examiner had previously noted that the limitations in claim 3 in combination with the limitations of claim 1 would be patentable, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and the claims currently dependent on claim 1 (claims 4, 9-12, 25, 28, 29 and 31) are patentable and in condition for allowance.

Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) it was previously dependent on. As the Examiner had previously noted that the limitations in claim 5 in combination with the limitations of claim 1 would be patentable, it is respectfully submitted that claim 5 and the claims currently dependent on claim 5 (claims 6-8) are patentable and in condition for allowance.

Claim 30 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) it was previously dependent on. As the Examiner had previously noted that the limitations in claim 30 in combination with the limitations of claim 1 would be patentable, it is respectfully submitted that claim 30 is patentable and in condition for allowance.

Claims 33-36 are canceled without prejudice.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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